~ TOP REASONS TO STUDY FRENCH ~

There are many reasons why American college students choose to study French:

**Be understood in 55 countries**
- French is an official language of 35 countries and an influential language in 20 others.
- French is spoken by 400 million people.
- French is the only language other than English spoken on five continents.

**Enhance your student performance**
- Learning a new language, like French, develops your critical and creative skills. It will also help you attain important life skills by improving your problem-solving skills, memory and self discipline.
- 50% of English vocabulary comes from French.

**Open new academic doors**
- Proficiency in French will significantly improve your chances of acceptance in a graduate program.
- In many fields at the graduate level, most American institutions require a reading knowledge of French for scholars to be able to conduct research.
- French will improve your performance on standardized tests such as the GRE and the GMAT.

**Be more competitive**
- Applicants who are proficient in at least two languages have a distinct advantage in the global market.
- Knowing French open doors to many domestic and international career opportunities in disciplines like business, medicine, aviation, law, transportation, technologies, international distribution, luxury goods and banking.
- France is a leader in civil engineering, space and aeronautics, medical technologies, information technology, telecommunications and computer animation: think about the TGV, the Airbus A-380, or the isolation of the HIV virus.
- Many major international businesses and other organizations, as well as American companies, regularly recruit candidates who know French.

**Interact with important international organizations**
- French is an official language of
  - The United Nations
  - NATO
  - UNESCO
  - The European Union
  - The International Olympic Committee
  - The International Red Cross

**Travel far and wide**
- Using French enhances your travel and work abroad.
- More than 20% of all Peace Corps volunteers serve in French-Speaking countries.
- France is the number 1 tourist destination in the world—more people visit France per year than there are citizens of the country!
- You can also use French to communicate with citizens of Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, North, West, and Central Africa, and Southeast Asia.

**Open the doors to art, sport, music, philosophy, architecture, literature, cinema, food & fashion**
- Enjoy great works of French and francophone literature from Canada and the Caribbean, world music from North Africa, and celebrated cinema from West Africa.
- French is the language of the Cannes Film Festival, Tour de France (cycling) and the French Open (tennis), and Le Mans (auto racing).
- Rabelais, Montaigne, Descartes, Molière, Voltaire, Diderot, Hugo, Baudelaire, Renoir, Camus, de Beauvoir, Sartre, Varda, Derrida, Deleuze, Baudrillard, Lévi-Strauss, and many others created literature, philosophy, and cinema in French.

(Sources: Education Office of the French Cultural Services and The World Speaks French)

**Scholarships and Awards**
- The Lapaire-Stites French Studies Scholarship, Gabriella Hieb Scholarship and others are awarded each year to reward French majors for outstanding academic achievement in French and francophone studies. Contact your professor or visit [http://www.uncw.edu/fll/student-scholarships.html](http://www.uncw.edu/fll/student-scholarships.html) for more information.
**Upper Division French Courses: Fall 2015**

### FRH 301: French Conversation
Intensive aural practice and individual oral practice to build vocabulary; cultural content, class discussions and interaction.
- **M,W,F:** 11:00-11:50 am. Prof. Lapaire

### FRH 302: Grammar and Composition I
Thorough study of French grammatical structures and nuances, with attention to the contrasts between French and English. Intensive practice in writing, including editing and rewriting.
- **T,Th:** 11:00-12:15 pm. Prof. Lapaire
- **T,Th:** 2:00-3:15 pm. Prof. Lapaire

### FRH 306: Reading Strategies: “To Be or Not To Be Charlie”
How did French people of all backgrounds experience the tragic attacks on Charlie Hebdo and the kosher supermarket? We will discuss the French ideas and realities of postcolonial “vivre-ensemble” through the study of relevant rap songs, films, short stories, essays and novels (excerpts).
- **M,W,F:** 12:00-12:50 pm. Prof. Spieser-Landes

### FRH 308: French Phonetics & Pronunciation
Thorough study of French phonology in order to refine pronunciation. Extensive practice of spoken French through phonetic transcriptions, sound recordings, drills, and formal and informal spoken discourse, political speeches, newscasts, interviews, and song lyrics.
- **M,W,F:** 1:00-1:50 pm. Prof. Juall

### FRH 412: Women and Revolution in the Maghreb since 1954
Explore groundbreaking novels, films, and media that reveal the vital role played by women in the political, cultural, and social life of Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia, from the Algerian War of Independence to the Arab Spring and beyond.
- **T,Th:** 3:30-4:45 pm. Prof. Bliss

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**Study Abroad Programs for Students of French**

Broaden your perspectives on the world by participating in one of the study abroad programs in French! You will earn academic credit for all courses taken abroad. You remain eligible for most financial aid; scholarships are also available.

### Paris, France (fall or spring semester—or both!)
- The study abroad program in Paris is offered in both the fall and spring semesters. Including instruction at the Sorbonne, students enroll for 15 credits in courses such as French language, art and literature, political science, and world cinema. Students are housed with French families and go on many excursions in the city and nearby.

### Marseille, France (summer, semester, 1-2 year exchange)
- During our summer program, study French language, culture, civilization, and optional business courses in this beautiful port city on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Students live in group housing and participate in numerous cultural excursions in the region. You may also study at EUROMED for a semester or 1-2 years as part of the TABSA exchange program.

### French Alps, Riviera, Paris & others (summers)
- UNCW endorses a number of summer study abroad programs lasting from 4-10 weeks. Students study French language, culture, civilization, and arts; cultural excursions are included. Housing options include host families, student dorms, and private apartments.

### International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
- For about the same cost as attending UNCW for a year, students can earn university credit by studying and living overseas. 21 institutions offer French courses in exciting places such as Nice, Grenoble, Lille and Rennes (France), Lausanne (Switzerland), and La Réunion (a French DOM in the Indian Ocean).

Contact: Office of International Programs
910-962-3685; www.uncw.edu/intprogs

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**French Honor Society**

The UNCW chapter of Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society invites outstanding French majors and minors at UNCW to become members. New members are initiated every semester. Get in touch with your French professor for more information.

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